



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Title: USE OF A PLASMA SOURCE TO FORM A LAYER DURING THE FORMATION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action dated June 8, 2003. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 1-8, 10, 12-14, 19, 23-24, 29-32, and 36-40 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims to the form indicated below.

11. (Once amended) A method of processing a semiconductor device, comprising:

providing a first protruding feature on a layer of said semiconductor device;

providing a second protruding feature on said layer;

defining a recess between said first protruding feature and said second protruding feature; and

plasma-depositing a material within said recess, wherein said step of plasma-